[Mr. P. Govinda Menon—*(cont.)*]

(*c*) Please see answers to (*a*) and (*b*).

(*d*) The actual weight issued from the depots (as noted on the despatch note or indent acknowledged by the Fair Price Shop Managers or retailers) is to be credited in the stock register. The weight thus noted may be gross weight. The tare of gunny is deducted from the stock when the contents of each bag are sold out;

(*e*) The price per bag will vary according to the weight of the jaggery. The price per Cwt. is Rs. 28 for sale to retailers in villages or towns where there are depots and Rs. 27—12—0 for sale to retailers in other places.

(*f*) This varies according to the weight of the jaggery in one bag. Further, jaggery is being purchased from different localities at different prices. The average cost during 1121 came to Rs. 26·48 per Cwt. The market rate for jaggery is often subject to fluctuations. For instance in Madras the price of jaggery rose high towards the end of 1121 and came from about Rs. 31·3 to Rs. 39·5 per Cwt.

(*g*) Re. 0—4—3 per pound.

COCOANUT OIL BUSINESS—OTTUPARA JUNCTION

475. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there were not petitions from traders doing business from Ottupara junction to conduct wholesale business in cocoanut oil;

(*b*) whether anybody doing business away from the Ottupara junction were given permission to conduct the wholesale business in cocoanut oil;

(*c*) what is the working capital of the shop to which wholesale business of cocoanut oi is allowed?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):*

(*a*) Yes. There were two petitions from retailers in Ottupara for conducting wholesale business.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) About Rs. 3,000.

COCOANUT OIL—SALE OF—STANDARD OF WEIGHT

476. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many rupee weight pound is prescribed for the sale of cocoanut oil;

(*b*) what is the price per pound of cocoanut oil;

(*c*) what is the price of one standard "൩൭൫" of cocoanut oil;

(*d*) how many rupee weight will there be for one standard "൩൭൫" of cocoanut oil?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):*

(*a*) 38·89 rupee weight pound.

(*b*) Re. 0—10—8.

(*c*) Re. 0—6—8.

(*d*) 24·306 rupee weights.

WHOLESALE BUSINESS IN COCOANUT OIL—PETITIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF—PARTICULARS REGARDING

477. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many petitions were received by the Vadakkancheri Assistant Supply Officer for permission to conduct wholesale business in cocoanut oil from traders at Vadakkancheri Kumaranellur and Engakad villages of Talappalli Taluk;

(*b*) who are the petitioners;

(*c*) how many years standing they have in the business line;

(*d*) what are the dates of those petitions and the office Nos. of these petitions;

(*e*) which is the first petition recommended by the Field Officer;

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(*f*) who was conducting whole-sale business in cocoanut oil in the above 3 villages after the control of the price of cocoanut oil under the orders of the Assistant Supply Officer, Vadakkancheri till 22nd Dhanu 1122 ;

(*g*) whether the person referred to in question No. (*f*) is allowed to carry on business in cocoanut oil as he was doing under orders of Assistant Supply Officer till 22nd Dhanu 1122;

(*h*) if not, why ?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)* :

(*a*) Four.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) 1. E. P. Narayanan Nambudiri, Vadakkancheri.
2. T. T. Mani, Ottupara, Kumaranellur.
3. S. K. Sankara Narayana Ayyar, Sree Rama Chandra Rice Mill, Trichur.
4. Secretary, Co-operative Society No. 372, Ottupara, Kumaranellur.

dates of petitions being 18th Dhanu 1122, 18th Dhanu 1122, 16th Dhanu 1122 and 19th Dhanu 1122 respectively. None of the 4 dealers had previous wholesale business. Office No. of all the 4 petitions is A3. 2209/22.

(*e*) The petitions of Messrs. E. P. Narayanan Nambudiri and T. T. Mani were simultaneously recommended by the Field Officer first.

(*f*) 1. T. T. Mani, Ottupara, 2. T. P. Madhavan Nayar, Vadakkancheri and 3. K. Krishnan Nayar, Vadakkancheri.

(*g*) No.

(*h*) A new wholesaler was since selected.

COCOANUT OIL—SALE BY WEIGHT

478. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Government is going to enforce the sale of cocoanut oil by weight;

(*b*) if so, why ?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*:

(*a*) Government are enforcing wholesale transactions in terms of weight and retail sale in terms of volume.

(*b*) Even in pre-control days all wholesale transactions in oil used to be in terms of weight with a few exceptions in units of "chothana" and the retail transactions mostly in volume.

BRAN—AVAILABILITY IN FAIR PRICE SHOPS

479. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether bran (ത്വിട്) for use as cattle fodder is available for purchase at any of the Fair Price Shops or ration shops or Government depots at Kunnamkulam;

(*b*) if not since when it is not available;

(*c*) what is the total quantity of bran that will be available for purchase from the mills at Kunnamkulam engaged in milling paddy ?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*:

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Bran was never rationed out from these shops.

(*c*) No mill at Kunnamkulam is engaged in milling Government paddy. Hence no bran will be available.

KEROSENE—SALE OF

480. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether at any time kerosene used to be sold out from the Central Depot, Wadakkancheri to the retailers (namely ration shop owners) by measuring out 24 bottles of kerosene into their tins;

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